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PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED FOR VALOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS OF TEXAS PETITION FOR WAIVER OF 2003 X-FACTOR

WCB/PPD FILE NO. 03-16

COMMENTS DUE: April 30, 2003

REPLY COMMENTS DUE: May 12, 2003

Valor Telecommunications of Texas, L.P. (Valor Texas) on April 14, 2003, filed a Petition for Waiver of the application of the X-factor in the price cap indices formula set forth in section 61.45(b)(1)(i) of the Commission's rules. Valor Texas expects to make a low-end adjustment in 2003, pursuant to section 61.45(d)(1)(vii), and requests that the Commission permit Valor Texas to set the X-factor equal to inflation for all interstate access services in its 2003 annual price cap filing.

Interested parties may file comments no later than April 30, 2003. Reply comments may be filed no later than May 12, 2003. When filing comments, please reference the internal file number: WCB/PPD FILE NO. 03-16.

An original and four copies of all pleadings shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission. In addition, parties shall serve three copies with the Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-A121, Washington, D.C. 20554. Parties shall also serve one copy with Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, (202) 863-2893. Documents in WCB/PPD File No. 03-16 are available for public inspection and copying during business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th St. SW, Room CY-A257, Washington DC 20554. The documents may also be purchased from Qualex International, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898.

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 61.45(b)(1)(i).

² 47 C.F.R. § 61.45(d)(1)(vii).

This proceeding shall be treated as a "permit-but-disclose" proceeding in accordance with the Commission's *ex parte* rules. *See* 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.1200 and 1.1206. Persons making oral *ex parte* presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. More than a one or two sentence description of the views and arguments presented is generally required. *See* 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written *ex parte* presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules. 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b).

For further information, contact Marvin Sacks, Pricing Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-2017.

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